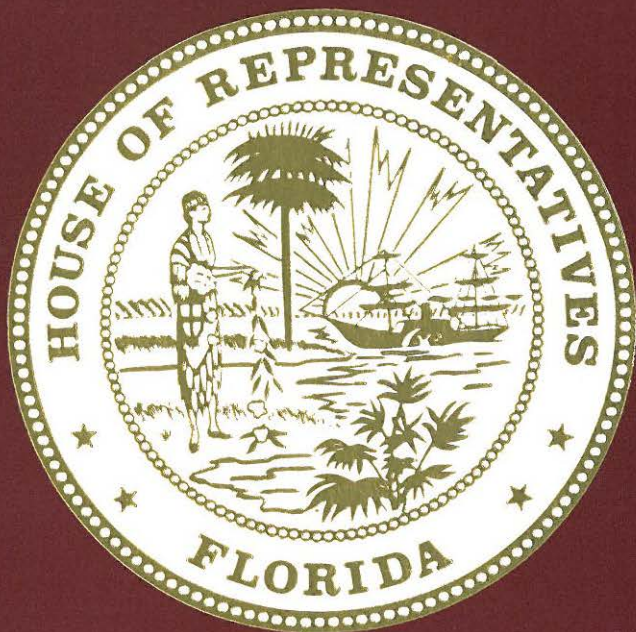


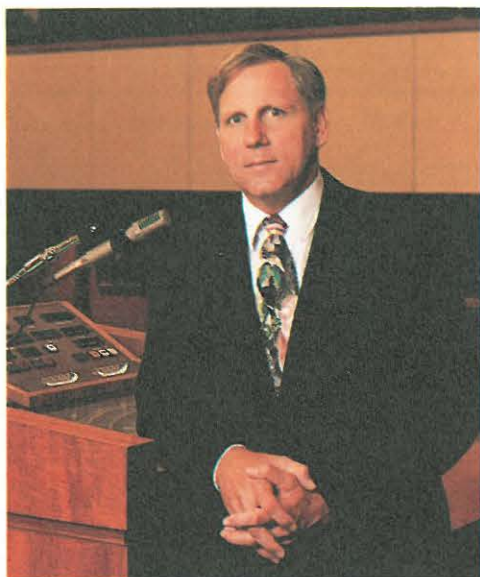
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House of Representatives*

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**T. K. Wetherell
Speaker
House of
Representatives**

Dear Friend:

Welcome to the Florida House of Representatives.

This House stands for the people of Florida. Its members are chosen from 120 individual districts to represent every imaginable constituency in a state that every day grows not just bigger, but richer in cultural diversity.

Our job is to serve as a forum for study, debate, and deliberation of the issues that affect the people of Florida. We do that job, thanks to the wisdom of many who have gone before us, in the unique Florida tradition of "Government in the Sunshine."

Because of that tradition, and because public involvement is the lifeblood of good government, I welcome you to vigorously take part in legislative affairs by communicating directly with your Representatives and other public officials.

Thank you for your interest in the House. I hope this booklet will help you understand and take full advantage of this forum of Florida Government.

Sincerely,

**T. K. Wetherell
Speaker of the House**



OUT OF TEMPEST AND PLAGUE AROSE FLORIDA'S FIRST LAWMAKING BODY

The House of Representatives you may be observing at work is a direct descendant of Florida's first lawmaking body.

That was the Legislative Council, composed of "thirteen of the most fit and discreet persons of the territory." Congress established the Council by a law approved by President Monroe on March 30, 1822.

The Council was to have met at Pensacola on June 10, 1822, but it was not until July 22, forty-four days late, that a quorum appeared and the Council could organize.

The long delay had been caused by the squalls, calms, and the capsizing of a sloop bringing three of St. Augustine's members to Pensacola and a fourth member perished in the loss of his ship. (Traveling by land may have been less hazardous but virtually as time-consuming. By horseback, the trip between the two territorial capitals, St. Augustine and Pensacola, required two weeks at best.)

Reaching Pensacola was not the end of the perils. Yellow fever raged in August, claiming the lives of the Council President and the Chief Clerk before the survivors decided to move the sessions to a residence some 15 miles out of Pensacola.

Agitation for a two-house Legislative Council achieved a milestone in 1838 when the United States House of Representatives

adopted a resolution by Florida's delegate calling upon the Committee on Territories to inquire "into the expediency of reorganizing the Legislative Council of Florida Territory, so as to give another branch to said Council, to be called a Senate." The unicameral Council became bicameral with President Van Buren's signature on a congressional act on July 7, 1838.

They were stout-hearted men who braved the wilderness to serve even before the distance was halved by establishing the capital at Tallahassee, midway between the old capitals.

When the call went out in 1838 for a constitutional convention in preparation for statehood, the two delegates from Monroe County traveled from Key West to New York by ship, then by stagecoach to Georgia, and finally by horseback to St. Joseph, the convention city. Travel time for the round trip was six weeks. It is little wonder that the Representatives from Monroe and Dade counties were days late for the organization session when statehood came.

The physical structure of the Legislature, a House and a Senate, has not changed since 1838; however, there have been human happenings and events. Since 1822, some 3,600 men and women have administered the govern-

administered the governmental affairs of Florida as legislators.

If the physical structure of the Legislature has lasted, there have been recent significant changes in the formula for composition.

Since 1967 the Legislature had been apportioned on a one-man, one-vote formula but a Representative might share a constituency with other lawmakers. Single-member districts since 1982 did away with that sharing, so that citizens could be truly certain of the House member who represents them.

Florida has the most perfectly apportioned House in the country from the yardstick of each Representative responsible to almost precisely the same number of people.

Your Legislature of Today

Decisions made by Florida's elected officials affect our lives on a daily basis. From the collection of taxes to the spending of state dollars, these things cannot happen without an authorizing Act of the Legislature.

Both the House and Senate must agree on every bill which passes, whether it is a major change in the insurance law or something which involves only one county.

A better understanding of the Legislature and your communication with its members will help them to best serve you and respond to the growing and complex needs of our state. Your legislators are working to make Florida a better place for everyone, both now and in the future.



Allen Morris, House Historian



FLORIDA'S GOVERNMENT

The Constitution of Florida declares that "All political power is inherent in the people." With the passing of each election, the will of the people is ascertained as those to be governed choose those who will run their government.

The Constitution also provides that the power to govern

shall not reside solely in the hands of a single state official. Instead, this power is shared among three branches of government. The first among these branches is the Legislative, and the oldest of the two legislative houses is the House of Representatives.





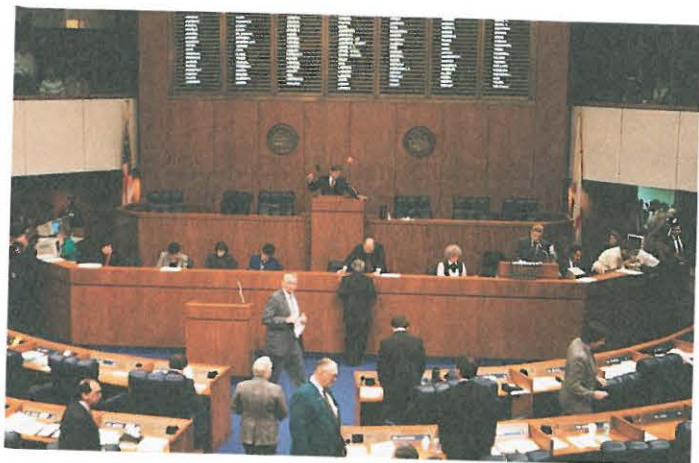
THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

The Legislative branch is composed of two units, the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House has 120 members, and the Senate has 40. For a bill to become law, it must be approved by both houses in identical form.

The Legislature has annual sessions. The 1992 regular session will start early because, along with its other lawmaking duties, the Legislature must reapportion legislative and congressional districts. In following

years, regular sessions will begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February until time for the next reapportionment, which occurs every ten years. Sessions last for sixty calendar days.

Committees meet during the months prior to session on a schedule set by the presiding officer. The presiding officers of each house appoint committees to review legislation. Further discussion of the committee process will be presented in a following section of this booklet.





THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor Lawton Chiles is head of the Executive branch of government. Along with the six elected Cabinet officers, he administers the executive function of state government.

Members of the Cabinet:

Secretary of State

- *Jim Smith*

Attorney General

- *Bob Butterworth*

Comptroller

- *Gerald Lewis*

Treasurer

- *Tom Gallagher*

Commissioner of Agriculture

- *Bob Crawford*

Commissioner of Education

- *Betty Castor*

The following agencies are under the jurisdiction of the Governor: The Departments of Business Regulation, Commerce, Community Affairs, Elder Af-

fairs, Health and Rehabilitative Services, Transportation, Corrections, Environmental Regulation, Labor and Employment Security, Citrus, Professional Regulation, Administration and the Lottery.

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Constitution describes the Judicial branch as "... a supreme court, district courts of appeal, circuit courts and county courts."

The courts exercise their judicial power in trying persons who are accused of a criminal offense, or when someone seeks to recover damages for an injury caused by the wrongful act of another. The court system oversees enforcement of judicial decisions rendered.



The Governor and the Cabinet

*Left to right:
Commissioner of
Education Betty
Castor, Attorney
General Bob
Butterworth,
Commissioner of
Agriculture Bob
Crawford, Comptroller
Gerald Lewis,
Governor Lawton
Chiles, Treasurer Tom
Gallagher, Secretary of
State Jim Smith*



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Your elected Representatives reflect a cross-section of their constituency in almost every way: occupation, age, birthplace, religion, marital status, and other information as shown in the compilations below.

Members 120

Sex

Male	100 (83%)
Female	20 (17%)

Ethnic Classification

Anglo	101 (84%)
Black	12 (10%)
Hispanic	7 (6%)

Party Affiliation

Democrat	73 (61%)
Republican	47 (39%)

Occupation

Attorney	33
Business	18
Education	12
Real Estate	11
Legislator	10
Agriculture	6
Insurance	5
Administration	3
Consulting	3
Pharmacy	3
Public Relations	3
Consultant	3
Banking	1
Development	2
Engineering	2
Finance	2
Military	2

Physician	2
Accounting	1
Air Conditioning/ Contractor	1
Airline Pilot	1
Aquaculture	1
Banking	1
Chiropractic	1
General Contractor	1
Housewife	1
Investment	1
Marketing	1
Machinist/Union Organizer/Union Representative	1
Public Affairs	1
Retail	1
Sales	1
Water Well/ Contractor	1
Veterinarian	1

Religious Affiliation

Catholic	19 (16%)
Jewish	17 (14%)
Protestant	75 (62.5%)
Methodist	22 (18%)
Baptist	14 (12%)
Presbyterian	9 (7.5%)
Episcopal	13 (11%)
Lutheran	5 (4%)

Other	12 (10%)
Not Reported . . .	9 (7.5%)

Education

College graduate .	99 (82.5%)
Some college . . .	18 (15%)
No college	3 (2.5%)

Age

Under 30	8 (7%)
30-39	32 (21%)
40-49	42 (35%)
50-59	23 (19%)
60 and older . . .	15 (12%)
Not reported . . .	0
Average age of first-termers . . .	41 years

Birthplace

Florida	47 (39%)
New York	19 (16%)
Georgia	7 (6%)
Cuba	5 (4%)
Illinois	5 (4%)
Massachusetts . .	5 (4%)
Pennsylvania . . .	5 (4%)
Alabama	3 (2.5%)
Connecticut	3 (2.5%)
Kansas	3 (2.5%)
South Carolina . .	2 (2%)

Also: Kentucky,

Michigan,
Missouri,
New Jersey,
and Ohio each . . . 1

Percentage of Florida and Non-Florida Natives:

Florida Native . . .	47 (39%)
Non-Florida/ Natives	73 (61%)

Marital Status

Married	98 (82%)
Not married	22 (18%)

Children

No children	29 (24%)
1 child	13 (11%)
2 children	39 (32.5%)
3 children	24 (20%)
4 children	9 (7.5%)
5 children	5 (4%)
6 children	1 (1%)

Service

Incumbents	102 (85%)
Freshmen	18 (15%)

Compiled from the Clerk's
Manual, 1990-1992.



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Born November 25, 1940

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1984, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 405 House Office Building, Tallahassee
32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1304



Douglas L. Jamerson 'Tim'

Democrat, District 55—*Part of* Pinellas

Teacher

Born October 16, 1947

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 226 House Office Building, Tallahassee
32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0925



Harry Jennings

Republican, District 69—*Parts of* Manatee, Sarasota

Retired Army Colonel

Born October 30, 1917

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1984, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 407 House Office Building, Tallahassee
32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-7754



Bolley L. Johnson 'Bo'

Democrat, District 4—*Parts of* Okaloosa, Santa Rosa [*an uninhabited portion of Escambia lies within this district*]

Real Estate Broker and Administrator; Owner, Bo Johnson & Associates, Realtors

Born November 15, 1951

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 417 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-8188



Buddy Johnson

Republican, District 61—*Parts of* Hillsborough, Pasco

President, BuddyFreddys Restaurant, Inc.

Born May 22, 1952

Legislative Service Elected to the House March 12, 1991.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 30 House Office Building, Tallahassee
32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0807



C. Fred Jones

Democrat, District 42—*Parts of* Osceola, Polk

Farmer/Cattlemen

Born April 19, 1930

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1970, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 218 House Office Building, Tallahassee
32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-2721



Daryl L. Jones

Democrat, District 118—*Part of Dade*

Attorney/F16 Fighter Pilot

Born May 31, 1955

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990

Tallahassee Mailing Address 324 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5430



Dennis L. Jones, D.C.

Republican, District 53—*Part of Pinellas*

Chiropractic Physician

Born April 05, 1941

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 322 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9960



Everett A. Kelly

Democrat, District 46—*Parts of Lake, Sumter*

Pharmacist

Born September 02, 1926

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 420 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5991



James E. King, Jr. 'Jim'

Republican, District 18—*Part of Duval*

Owner, Personnel Recruiting, Temporary Help, Employee Leasing, Consulting and Testing Firms

Born October 30, 1939

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 323 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-4388



Michael Edward Langton 'Mike'

Democrat, District 15—*Part of Duval*

Public Affairs

Born June 10, 1949

Legislative Service Elected to the House October 22, 1985, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 326 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-7417



John Laurent

Republican, District 43—*Part of Polk*

Attorney/Citrus/Cattle

Born October 04, 1946

Legislative Service Elected to the House 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 48 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9465



Alfred J. Lawson, Jr. 'Al'

Democrat, District 9—Liberty and *parts of* Franklin, Leon, Wakulla
Insurance Agent

Born September 21, 1948

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

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Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1798



Marian V. Lewis

Republican, District 81—*Part of* Palm Beach

Real Estate Broker and Owner of Real Estate Sales and Investment

Born January 02, 1929

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 200 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0322



Ray Liberti

Democrat, District 82—*Part of* Palm Beach

College Administrator/Legislator

Born August 20, 1946

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 316 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-8832



Frederick Lippman 'Fred'

Democrat, District 97—*Part of* Broward

Pharmacist

Born April 13, 1935

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 414 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0465



Willie Logan, Jr.

Democrat, District 108—*Part of* Dade

Executive Director

Born February 16, 1957

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 404 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0766



James M. Lombard

Republican, District 70—*Part of* Sarasota

Businessman

Born June 11, 1938

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1984, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 322 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0060



John Long

Democrat, District 48—*Part of Pasco*
 Administrative Assistant to Pasco County School Superintendent
 Born September 20, 1946
 Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.
 Tallahassee Mailing Address 221 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
 Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-8528



Anne Mackenzie

Democrat, District 95—*Part of Broward*
 Consultant
 Born December 01, 1949
 Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.
 Tallahassee Mailing Address 316 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
 Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0245



Joseph R. Mackey, Jr. 'Randy'

Democrat, District 12—Columbia, Hamilton, Madison, Suwannee
 Real Estate Development
 Born May 17, 1950
 Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.
 Tallahassee Mailing Address 320 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
 Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9835



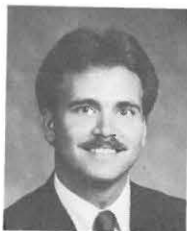
Elvin L. Martinez

Democrat, District 65—*Part of Hillsborough*
 Attorney
 Born August 08, 1934
 Legislative Service House of Representatives 1966-1974. Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.
 Tallahassee Mailing Address 214 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300
 Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9460



Bruce McEwan

Republican, District 38—*Part of Orange*
 Attorney (retired)/Businessman
 Born March 19, 1937
 Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1980, reelected subsequently.
 Tallahassee Mailing Address 334 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300
 Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0660



William Thomas Mims 'Tom'

Democrat, District 45—*Part of Polk*
 Developer/Accountant
 Born November 03, 1963
 Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.
 Tallahassee Mailing Address 424 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300
 Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-2270



Philip Mishkin

Democrat, District 49—*Part of Pasco*
Machinist, Union Organizer and Union Representative
Born May 05, 1915
Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.
Tallahassee Mailing Address 212 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5522



Sam Mitchell

Democrat, District 7—Holmes, Washington and *parts of* Bay, Jackson, Walton
Retired Educator/Businessman
Born August 02, 1929
Legislative Service House of Representatives 1956-1960. Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.
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Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-4726



Luis C. Morse

Republican, District 113—*Part of Dade*
Industrial Engineer
Born May 20, 1940
Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1984, reelected subsequently.
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Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-4202



Sandra Barringer Mortham

Republican, District 52—*Part of Pinellas*
Consultant
Born January 04, 1951
Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.
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Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9240



Patricia A. Muscarella 'Trish'

Republican, District 51—*Part of Pinellas*
Attorney
Born September 24, 1952
Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.
Tallahassee Mailing Address 434 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-7433



Norman Ostrau 'Norm'

Democrat, District 96—*Part of Broward*
Attorney
Born July 09, 1938
Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.
Tallahassee Mailing Address 402 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0590



Vernon Peeples

Democrat, District 72—*Parts of Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee*

Investments/Legislator

Born March 02, 1930

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 40 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9175



Steve Press

Democrat, District 86—*Part of Palm Beach*

Attorney

Born April 15, 1946

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 223 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1302



Kenneth P. Pruitt 'Ken'

Republican, District 79—*Parts of Martin, St. Lucie*

Owner/President of St. Lucie Water Systems, Inc./State Certified Water Well Contractor #2031

Born January 24, 1957

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 48 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-8749



John C. Rayson

Democrat, District 92—*Part of Broward*

Attorney

Born March 29, 1949

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 18 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0260



Darryl Reaves

Democrat, District 106—*Part of Dade*

Lawyer

Born November 14, 1960

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 17 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0625



Alzo J. Reddick

Democrat, District 40—*Part of Orange*

Educator/Businessman

Born November 15, 1937

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 430 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0760



Buzz Ritchie

Democrat, District 2—*Part of Escambia*

Businessman

Born June 06, 1947

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 221 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0895



Charlie Roberts

Democrat, District 31—*Part of Brevard*

Attorney

Born November 05, 1953

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 224 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-3006



Luis E. Rojas

Republican, District 109—*Part of Dade*

Attorney/Teacher

Born July 15, 1953

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 411 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1683



Hurley W. Rudd

Democrat, District 10—*Part of Leon*

Travel Agent

Born September 11, 1927

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 202 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0965



Brian P. Rush

Democrat, District 59—*Part of Hillsborough*

Attorney

Born September 11, 1958

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 232 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0275



R. Z. Safley

Republican, District 50—*Parts of Pasco, Pinellas*

Businessman

Born February 04, 1946

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 325 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5580



Debby P. Sanderson (Mrs. Peter B.)

Republican, District 93—*Part of Broward*

Legislator

Born September 28, 1941

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 332 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0635



Dixie Newton Sansom (Mrs. Jerry)

Republican, District 32—*Part of Brevard*

Legislator

Born December 06, 1948

Legislative Service Elected to the House on April 10, 1984, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 316 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9720



Ron Saunders

Democrat, District 120—*Monroe, Part of Dade*

Attorney

Born October 30, 1954

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 221 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9965



Charles W. Sembler II 'Charlie'

Republican, District 78—*Parts of Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie*

Wholesale Seafood/Marina/Aquaculture

Born March 26, 1965

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 14 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0952



Ronald A. Silver 'Ron'

Democrat, District 100—*Parts of Broward, Dade*

Attorney

Born June 25, 1943

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 221 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-7897



Art Simon

Democrat, District 116—*Part of Dade*

Attorney

Born October 01, 1945

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 302 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5047

**Peggy Simone (Mrs. John E.)**

Republican, District 68—*Part of Manatee*
Representative

Born September 01, 1935

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 321 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-4086

**Robert B. Sindler, D.V.M. 'Bob'**

Democrat, District 39—*Part of Orange*

Veterinarian

Born August 01, 1952

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 318 House Office Building, Tallahassee

32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-2023

**Charles R. Smith 'Chuck'**

Democrat, District 47—*Hernando and parts of Pasco, Sumter*

Businessman

Born January 20, 1928

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1978, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 224 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-6641

**Kelley R. Smith, Jr.**

Democrat, District 22—*Flagler and parts of Putnam, St. Johns*

Timber, Gator Logging

Born October 25, 1946

Legislative Service Elected to the House April 17, 1990; reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 416 House Office Building, Tallahassee

32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0665

**Tracy Stafford**

Democrat, District 94—*Part of Broward*

Attorney/Administrative Assistant to Broward County Property

Appraiser

Born January 02, 1948

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 18 House Office Building, Tallahassee

32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0880

**Robert J. Starks 'Bob'**

Republican, District 36—*Parts of Orange, Seminole*

Airline Pilot

Born October 14, 1945

Legislative Service House of Representatives 1986-1988. Reelected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 26 House Office Building, Tallahassee

32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5843



Frank Stone

Democrat, District 34—*Parts of Brevard, Orange, Seminole*
Legislator

Born November 06, 1947

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 416 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0468



David L. Thomas, M.D. 'Dave'

Republican, District 71—*Parts of Charlotte, Sarasota*
Physician

Born October 13, 1945

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1984, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 418 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1171



Tom Tobiassen

Democrat, District 1—*Part of Escambia*
Mechanical Engineer

Born November 21, 1931

Legislative Service House of Representatives 1968-1974. Senate 1974-1982. Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 211 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-8278



Jack N. Tobin

Democrat, District 88—*Part of Broward*
Businessman

Born September 14, 1941

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

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Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-3164



Robert DeWitt Trammell 'Rob'

Democrat, District 8—*Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf and parts of Bay, Franklin, Jackson*
Attorney

Born August 17, 1945

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1986, reelected subsequently.

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Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-2873



Carlos L. Valdes

Republican, District 112—*Part of Dade*
Realtor/Mortgage Broker

Born May 04, 1951

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 325 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300
Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-4092



Joe Viscusi

Democrat, District 44—*Part of Polk*
Educator and Businessman (Real Estate Investment)

Born August 05, 1953

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1990.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 311 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9890



Peter Rudy Wallace

Democrat, District 56—*Part of Pinellas*
Attorney

Born April 13, 1954

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1982, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 801 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5719



Daniel Webster

Republican, District 41—*Part of Orange*
Air Conditioning Contractor

Born April 27, 1949

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1980, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 320 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-0256



T. K. Wetherell

Democrat, District 29—*Part of Volusia*
Educator/Businessman

Born December 22, 1945

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1980, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 420 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-9873



Stephen R. Wise

Republican, District 14—*Part of Duval*
Education

Born December 11, 1941

Legislative Service Elected to the House April 5, 1988, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 420 House Office Building, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-5102



Walter C. Young 'Walt'

Democrat, District 99—*Part of Broward*
Consultant

Born March 02, 1922

Legislative Service Elected to the House in 1972, reelected subsequently.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 320 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1084



John B. Phelps

Clerk of the House

Born November 17, 1943

Legislative Service Clerk of the House of Representatives November 1986-present.

Tallahassee Mailing Address 423 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-1157



Wayne Westmark

Sergeant at Arms

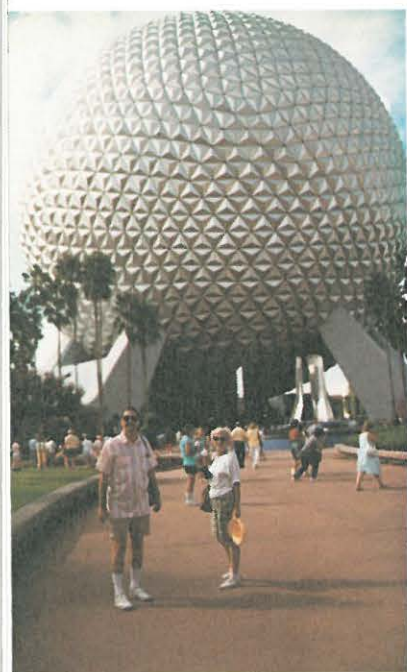
Born December 15, 1932

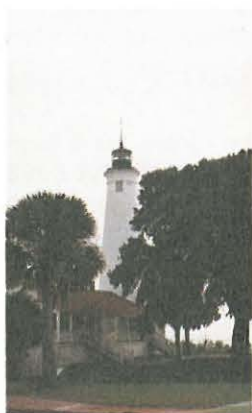
Legislative Service House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms September 1, 1976-present

Tallahassee Mailing Address 422 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300

Tallahassee Telephone 904-488-8224

***"All political power is inherent in the people."
Article I, Section 1, Florida Constitution***







OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE SPEAKER

The Speaker of the House is the presiding officer, the leader of the House for a two-year term. He is elected by his fellow Representatives. Among his most important duties are the appointment of committees, and selection of their chairmen. His chairmen are the key players in carrying out his program throughout the term.

THE MINORITY LEADER

The Republican Members of the House, called the Republican Caucus, elect their leader who will organize, control and supervise the Minority Office.

OTHER OFFICERS

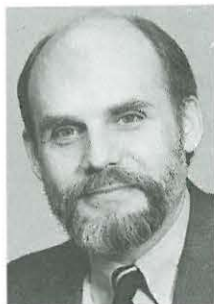
There are two non-Member officers, the Clerk of the House and the Sergeant at Arms. The Clerk, a constitutional officer, is elected by the Members; the Sergeant, a statutory officer, is designated by the Speaker, subject to the consent of the Members. The Clerk and the Sergeant serve all Members and, therefore, are obligated to be nonpartisan.

THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The duties and responsibilities of the Clerk were capsuled by

the Council of State Governments in these words:

"By far the oldest, and perhaps the most indispensable, of the established legislative aids among Anglo-American law-making bodies is the office of the legislative chief clerk. Laws are the main product of a legislative body; and the two principal tasks of the clerk are, first, to assist the leaders and Members of a legislative house in the detailed processes by which laws are enacted and second, to record the history of that process in a clear, unbiased and accurate manner. If the first of these tasks is inadequately performed, the work of the session can be chaotic, bills can be lost or imperfectly processed, and the legislative process can become 'confusion worse confounded.' If the second of these tasks is poorly performed, the State government, the courts, and the people can be faced with serious consequences, including lawsuits testing the validity of statutes."



John B. Phelps

In shepherding bills from the time of filing until enrolled Acts

are transmitted to the Governor, or the dead bills to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of the House requires the assistance of some thirty-five people year-round and 70 to 80 during the sessions.

THE SERGEANT AT ARMS



Wayne Westmark

The Sergeant at Arms, under the direction of the Speaker, is chiefly responsible for the maintenance of order in the Chamber, the lobby and adjoining rooms, and seeing that no person is admitted to the Chamber unless entitled to that privilege. On ceremonial occasions, the Sergeant announces the admission of dignitaries to the Chamber and, with his Senate counterpart, performs the traditional "dropping of the handkerchief" to signal the final adjournment (*sine die*) of the Legislature. In recent years, the Sergeant's duties have been substantially expanded to include management of the postal, supply, maintenance and inventory services of the House.

QUALIFICATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Constitution requires a Representative to be at least 21 years of age, an elector, a resident of the district from which elected

and of Florida for two years prior to election.

Unlike other state and county officers, Members of the Legislature take office upon election. This has been interpreted to mean midnight of the day of the general election.

Representatives serve two-year terms. Vacancies in legislative office may be filled only by election. The Governor cannot appoint Members of the Legislature.



Representatives taking oath of office

COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

Representatives receive a salary of \$22,560 a year, payable in monthly installments. The Legislature determines by law the rate of pay.

Representatives also receive a daily subsistence allowance for the time spent in Tallahassee or during authorized travel. They receive a mileage allowance for trips between their district and the Capitol and for authorized travel. They also receive an al-

lowance for the maintenance of an office in their district.

Each Representative may employ a year-round aide and a year-round secretary, who must meet qualifications prescribed by the Joint Legislative Management Committee.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE

All Members of the House represent geographic districts which had the same number of people at the time of the 1980 Federal census. The population of Florida in 1980 was 9,746,342. Divided by 120 Members, this set the perfect size of a House district at 81,219 persons. (The next apportionment scheduled under the Florida Constitution will occur in 1992 for the 1992-1994 House.)



The House, in apportioning itself in 1982, initiated a policy of single-Member districts statewide.

As passed by the Legislature and approved by the Florida Supreme Court, the largest House district was District 8 with a population of 81,392, which is a deviation from the ideal of 173 people or .21 percent. The smallest House district was District 10 with a population of 81,014, which is a deviation from the ideal of 205

people or .25 percent. The total deviation between the largest and smallest House districts was 378 people, or .46 percent deviation.

The House plan was characterized by the National Council of State Legislatures as having the lowest deviation from the ideal of any state in the nation.

The plan created seven House districts with black population majorities in 1980 and five additional black access districts with black populations in excess of 30 percent. Likewise, the plan created seven House districts with Hispanic population majorities and two additional Hispanic access districts.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The typical Member of the House of Representatives will find himself involved in work from early in the morning until evening. Committee meetings are scheduled to minimize conflicts among committee members, but a Representative with a bill to advocate or oppose may well find himself confronted with a number of simultaneous meetings of House committees, Senate committees or groups of constituents.

These meetings with constituents are often overlooked by those who think of the Legislature in broad, general terms. Each delegation inevitably will have frequent meetings with people from its home district, and these meetings must be scheduled to avoid conflict with meetings of House/Senate committees.

And, of course, the work goes on, whether the Legislature is in session or not. Before a regular session convenes, Representatives are obligated for meetings with public and private groups, and with individual citizens, who have problems they want to talk over. There will be a round of scheduled meetings of committees beginning soon after the House's reorganization (See:

Organization Session). Also state agencies will be visited by members of committees concerned with their financing and general management.

To repeat, as a visitor, you should keep in mind that what you see of activities on the floor of the House is but a fraction of the time and energy a Representative must put into his public task.



WRITING YOUR LEGISLATORS

To write your legislators during sessions . . . *

Representatives should be addressed as follows:

The Honorable John C. Doe
House of Representatives
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Representative Doe:

Senators should be addressed as follows:

Senator John C. Doe
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Senator Doe:

If you write . . .

Sign your name clearly and give your address correctly so the legislator can answer your letter. Printing your name will speed reply.

Most matters coming before the Legislature are fairly well publicized in advance. To help your Representatives, write them about issues prior to the Legislature taking action. Keep in mind that committees meet to consider bills in the months before the convening of the annual sessions.

IF YOU ARE VISITING

Representatives are glad to welcome constituents. You will find their offices listed on directories in the Capitol and the House Office Building. If the Representatives are away from their offices because of the need to be in the Chamber or in committee, staff members will be glad to meet you and to assist you.

The directories mentioned above show either "H" or "C" after a room number. These refer to offices in the House Office Building or in the Capitol. The first numeral in room numbers indicates the floor.

THE HOUSE CHAMBER

Seating in the Chamber is determined by the Speaker. Generally, those Representatives from the same county are seated together.

The Chairman of the Committee on Rules & Calendar occupies the first seat to the Speaker's left on the front row. Across the middle aisle, to the Speaker's right on the front row, the Speaker pro tempore is seated.

Chairmen of other committees are ordinarily assigned the first seats on the aisle except the last aisle seat on the Speaker's right, which is reserved for the Minority Leader.

Only Legislators and essential staff are allowed in the Chamber during sessions. As a token of their rank, certain top officials of

* For their mailing addresses out of session, write the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate for a free copy of their directories.

other departments of government are permitted in the Chamber at certain times.

There are ceremonial occasions in the Chamber when "special visitors" are allowed.



THE PROCESS

The work product of the legislature is called a "bill." This is the instrument by which laws are created or changed. The following step-by-step description will follow the path of a bill through the House:

A group of citizens meets with their Representative and requests his help with a problem which requires a change in the law. The Representative may consult with experts on the subject in question. He then has a bill drafted in the proper format for introduction to the House.

The next step is "prefiling" the bill. This is the act of bringing the bill to the Office of the Clerk where it begins its official journey. After careful screening for form, correct number of copies and other checks, the bill is given a number.



After the bill is sent to the printer, copies are made for distribution. At this point, you may receive a free copy of a bill upon request.

ANYBODY CAN GET A BILL

All legislation is printed, and a copy of any House bill is available to the public without charge upon request to the Documents Division of the Office of the Clerk, either in person or by mail.

Address: Documents Supervisor, Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives, 513 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1300. (You may contact the Secretary of the Senate for Senate bills, 303 The Capitol, Tallahassee 32399-1100).

Calendars, and other legislative publications are also available from the Documents Division of the Clerk's office.



The Constitution requires three readings of a bill. Printing of the bill title in the House *Journal* constitutes first reading.

The Speaker refers the bill to a committee or committees for review. The committee will have a meeting to discuss the bill. Committee meetings are also a forum for citizens to express their opinions on a bill.



Committees may "amend" or suggest changes to a bill. These changes must be agreed upon when the bill is taken up by the full House.

After going through committee hurdles, the next step for a bill is consideration by the House in the Chamber.

THE HOUSE IN SESSION

There is a daily order of business which is followed each legislative day. If you were observing from the gallery, you would be able to keep track of the schedule from the following chart:



THE DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Prayer (usually by an invited clergyman or a Representative)
2. Roll call (recorded electronically)
3. Pledge of allegiance
4. Approval of the *Journal* (of the preceding legislative day)
5. Communications
6. Messages from the Senate (transmitting legislation originating in the Senate and passed there, or reporting Senate action on House Bills)
7. Report of standing committees
8. Report of select committees
9. Bills and joint resolutions on third reading
10. Motions relating to committee references

11. Matters on reconsideration
12. Special Orders
13. Unfinished business
14. Bills and joint resolutions on second reading
15. House resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and memorials on second reading
16. Introduction and reference

The House may choose to adopt the amendments proposed in committee, and additional amendments which are presented and discussed in session. The bill is on second reading at this stage, having already been printed by title in the *Journal* for first reading. If amendments are adopted, the bill goes to the Engrossing Division in the Office of the Clerk. This is where amendments adopted are incorporated into the bill.

The bill is read a third time, usually, the next legislative day. This is the time for debate, questions and answers, and a final vote. You may see Representatives consulting each other during this time of debate for more specific discussion.



A vote is taken at the end of the debate. If the bill passes, it is transmitted to the Senate by the Senate Message team in the Clerk's Office.



A bill must go through the same hurdles in the Senate. Much depends on whether there is an identical or similar Senate bill. If there is, and the Senate bill has already been traveling through the committee process, the bills can be paired and placed on the Calendar for consideration. Otherwise, a House bill is referred to a Senate committee as new material and goes through the hearing process on that side. The bill can be further amended in the Senate. If this happens, the House must agree to those changes.

Two things can happen here. Should the House not agree to the Senate amendments, and the Senate refuses to remove them, a conference committee may be appointed. This committee is composed of members of both houses appointed by the presiding officers to work out an acceptable compromise.

If the House agrees to the Senate amendments, the bill is

passed as further amended. It is sent back to Engrossing for the change to be incorporated into the bill. Then the officers of both houses sign it, and the bill is sent to the Governor.

The chart below will show you a comparison of the number of bills introduced and passed for several years.

Regular and Special Sessions Calendar

Years	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
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Total bills introduced in Legislature (includes companion bills)

General	1995	2309	2285	2506	2781	3001	2993	2129
Local	220	202	187	185	175	199	203	166
Total	2215	2511	2472	2691	2956	3200	3196	2295

Acts passed

General	400	387	323	431	447	428	399	328
Local	157	130	141	117	127	133	120	102
Total	557	517	464	548	574	561	519	430

Acts vetoed by Governor

General	16	11	3	10	16	16	14	16
Local	0	1	0	3	4	5	4	2
Total	16	12	3	13	20	21	18	18

Acts becoming law

General	384	375	320	358	387	412	389	312
Local	157	130	141	173	160	128	112	100
Total	541	505	461	535	554	540	501	412

HOW AN ORIGINAL BILL APPEARS

TITLE --

required by the State Constitution; expresses subject of bill.

ENACTING CLAUSE --

also required by the State Constitution; directs enactment.

BODY OF BILL --

revises or amends existing law; sets out in full the revised or amended act, section, subsection, or paragraph of a subsection.

Note explanation at the bottom of the page for special coding used.

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By Representative Wise

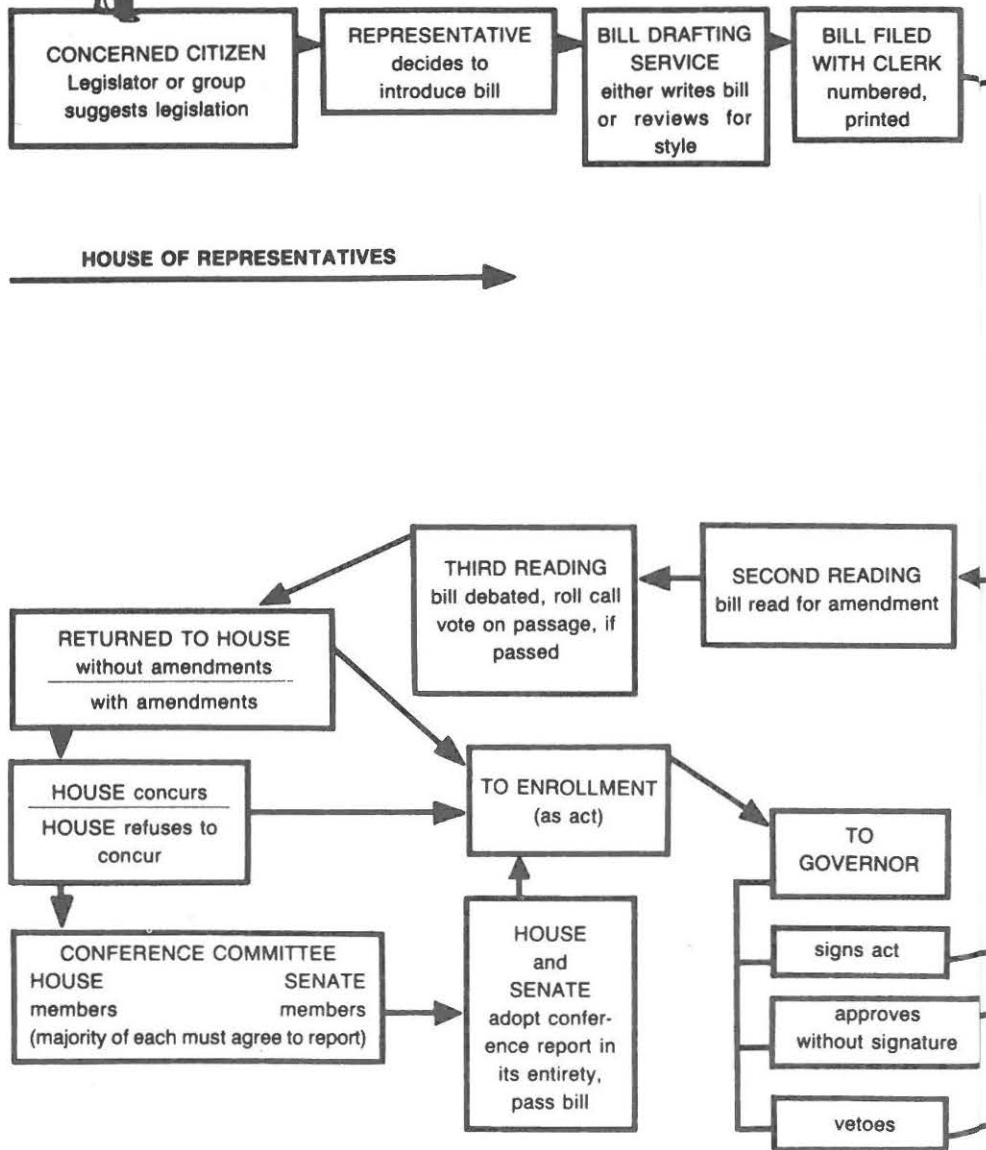
HB 109

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Retirement
3 System; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; redefining
4 the term "normal retirement date"; providing an
5 effective date.
6
7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
8
9 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (29) of section
10 121.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
11 121.021 Definitions.--The following words and phrases
12 as used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth
13 unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:
14 (29) "Normal retirement date" means the first day of
15 any month following the date a member attains one of the
16 following statuses:
17 (c) If a special risk member:
18 1. Completes 10 or more years of creditable service
19 and attains age 55;
20 2. Completes 25 continuous years of creditable
21 service, regardless of age; or
22 3. Completes 25 years of creditable service, which may
23 include a maximum of 4 years of military service credit, and
24 attains age 52; or
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26 "Normal retirement age" is attained on the "normal retirement
27 date."
28 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
29 law.
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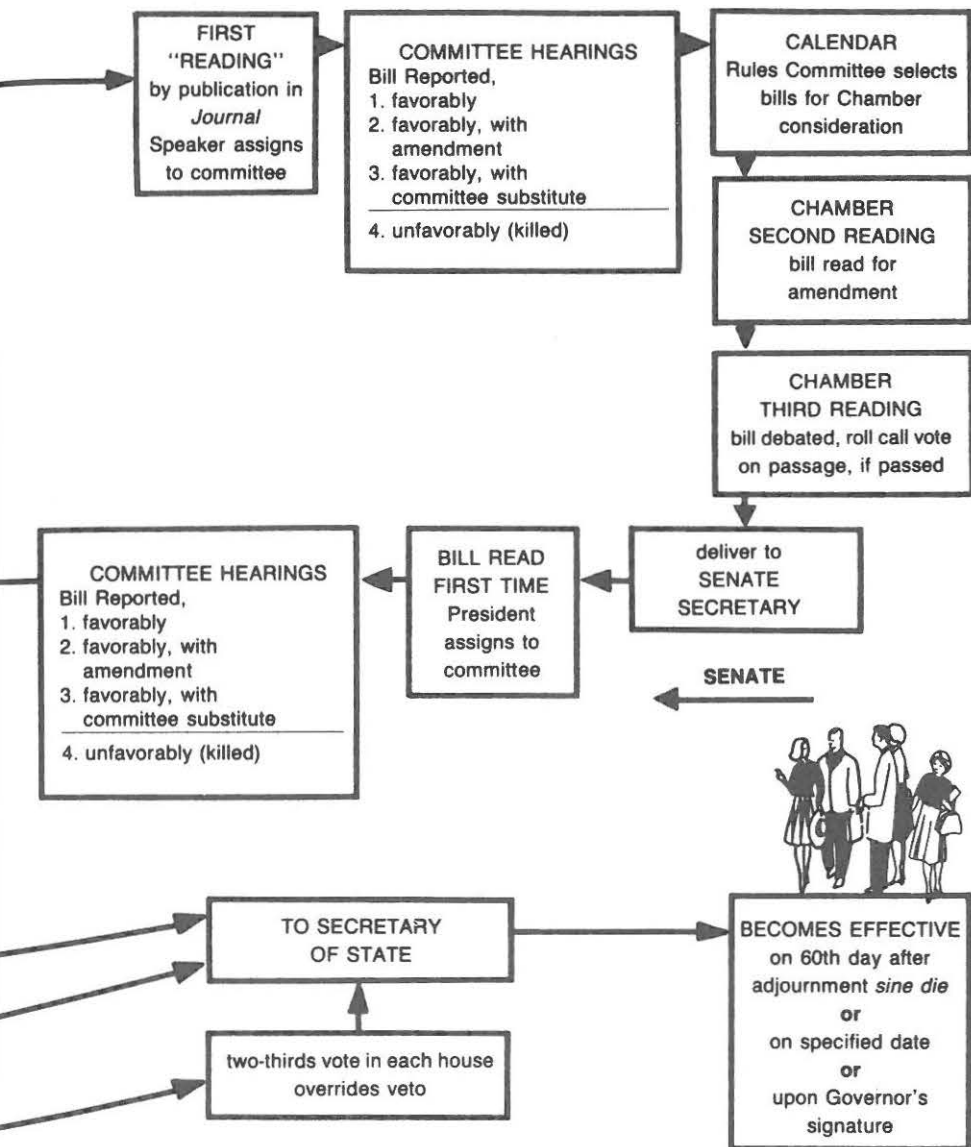
CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

How An Idea



A simplified chart showing the route a bill takes through the Florida Legislature. Bills may originate in either House. This bill originated in the House of Representatives.

Becomes A Law



BILL STATUS INFORMATION

If you are in either the Capitol or the House Office Building during sessions and have need for information on the status of specific bills, you will find two convenient sources, each tied into the legislative information system.

Bill status books, called the *Daily Bill History*, produced by the computer and reflecting the progress of legislation through the preceding day, are available for review at information desks in the rotunda.

There are also computer terminals available for public use in legislative corridors of the Capitol and in the House Office Building. Each terminal has an instruction booklet.

The Legislative Information Division provides this service year - round to all Floridians through a toll free long distance telephone number. 1-800-342-1827.



THE JOURNAL

The *House Journal* is the official record of what has happened in the House and its committees. This includes the titles of the bills introduced and considered and the way Representatives voted on the passage of bills.

Because the *House Journal* is not a verbatim, record, the size, in number of pages, may on occasion bear an inverse ratio to the intensity of the floor debate. A day given over to argument on an important bill may require a few short entries. A day in which scores of local bills are passed necessitates page after page in the *Journal* although not a word of debate, in the sense of argument, has been spoken.

The *Journal* is of vital significance, for the courts look to the *Journal* for an accurate accounting of what formal steps were taken whenever a law is challenged on some ground of unconstitutional passage in its legislative course.

The *Journal* of each day's proceedings is distributed to legislators and available to the public from the Documents Division with the convening of the next legislative day's session. These daily *Journals*, after careful perusal for error, are incorporated into one or two volumes and printed after *sine die*, or final adjournment of the Legislature. This document becomes the official record of what the House did.

THE INTERIM CALENDAR

So the public may know what legislation has been proposed, and what committees are studying, the Clerk periodically publishes an interim Calendar when the Legislature is not in session.

The interim Calendar lists all prefiled bills by subject, sponsor, and the identifying number they will carry during their legislative life; the Speaker's references of the bills to committees, notices of committee meetings, and reports of committees.

Anyone may be placed on the mailing list for the interim Calendar by request to the Clerk, House of Representatives, 424 The Capitol Tallahassee 32399-1300.

SESSIONS

ORGANIZATION SESSION

On the 14th day after each regular general election, the Legislature meets in session limited by the Constitution to the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers. The Senate President and House Speaker usually appoint committees at this time, thus enabling them to gain a head start on the business of the session.

REGULAR SESSION

The Legislature meets in a regular session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each odd-numbered year and on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February, or such other date as may be fixed by law of each even-numbered year.

The latitude given the Legislature for its even-numbered year allows the Legislature to meet earlier in the apportionment years: 1982, 1992, etc. The early start permits the apportionment plan to be submitted to the Florida Supreme Court for approval with sufficient time for the fall primary elections.



The House Chamber as seen from the gallery. Above the Speaker's rostrum is the board which records votes of Members. To the sides are the glassed-in galleries.

A regular session may last 60 consecutive calendar days, Saturdays and Sundays included, and may be extended by a three-fifths vote of the Members present in each legislative house. An extension allows pending business of the regular session to be carried forward.

SPECIAL SESSION

A special session may be called by the Governor or by the Senate President and House Speaker, acting jointly. A special session may not exceed 20 days, unless extended by a three-fifths vote of the Members present of both houses. The actual time of session may be restricted, as to hours and days, in the proclamation of the Governor or the President and Speaker.

The proclamation is known as the "call." The call limits the Legislature to specific items of business, and the houses may go

beyond the call only by a two-thirds vote of all the Members in each house. The items specified in a call are known as the "purview."

The Governor may broaden the call during the session. This can be done either by further proclamation or by a communication in the form of a letter.

If a special session is called to immediately follow a regular session, all business of the regular session dies. Bills must be reintroduced to be considered at the special session.



As we approach the 21st Century, decisions will be made by the Legislature which will touch the lives of each of us. These men and women are YOUR elected representatives. We encourage you to learn more about the legislative process and how it will affect our future.



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SINE DIE:

a Latin phrase meaning "without day," and this is the action which concludes a session of the Legislature.

SINE DIE

